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HERMETIC SEAL PORTION AND METHOD	)	
FOR MAKING THE SAME	)	

**COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance. While those stated reasons are believed to be correct, they are not believed to be the sole reasons for allowance and there may be additional reasons for allowance. The prior art should provide the sole limitation on the allowability of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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